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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREENWALD (EB) FROM BILLER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, EFIN.

SUBJECT: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR EXPANDED U.S.-UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS

1. BRIEFING PAPER AND TALKING POINTS PREPARED BY TREASURY ON ABOVE
SUBJECT FOR USE BY SECRETARY SIMON DURING VISIT TO ABU DHABI ARE IN-
CONSISTENT WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S VIEWS OF TREASURY ROLE
AND WITH AGREEMENT OSTENSIBLY REACHED WITH PARSKY WHEN DEPARTMENT
CLEARED LATTER'S LETTER TO UAE PETROLEUM MINISTER OTAIBA.

2. KEY PORTIONS OF TALKING POINTS RECOMMEND THAT SIMON STATE THE
FOLLOWING: QUOTE

A. TO ENSURE EXPEDITIOUS CONSIDERATION AND ACTION FROM THE
RELEVANT GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT THROUGH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY'S OFFICE WILL PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE
USG IN WASHINGTON IN ENSURING EXPEDITIOUS ACTION ON ECONOMIC AND
FINANCIAL MATTERS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOUR GOVERNMENT.

B. IF THE MATTER IS IN OUR SPHERE, WE WILL TAKE ACTION RIGHT
AWAY AND, IF OTHER AGENCIES ARE INVOLVED, WE WILL SERVE AS A COORDINA-

TING POINT TO ENSURE THAT HELPFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE AND TIMELY RESPONSES
ARE MADE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S REQUESTS. IN OUR VIEW, THIS
APPROACH CAN HELP ENSURE THE MAXIMUM ATTENTION OF THE USG TO
YOUR GOVERNMENT'S CONCERNS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD.

C. WE BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ABU DHABI CAN BEST
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SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN OUR TWO

GOVERNMENTS. ON THE BASIS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S REPORTS, WE
(COMMENT: I.E. TREASURY) WILL BE ABLE TO COORDINATE OUR GOVERN-
MENT'S RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUESTS. HOWEVER, YOU MAY PREFER TO
CONTACT US DIRECTLY OR THROUGH YOUR AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, AND
THIS WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM FOR US. UNQUOTE.

3. I HAVE MANAGED TO GET TREASURY TO DELETE 2(B) ABOVE, BUT THIS
IS UNLIKELY TO MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE IN CONTENT OF SIMON PRESENTA-
TION. IF HE IS TO BE DISSUADED FROM PROPOSING THAT TREASURY ACT
AS USG COORDINATOR FOR U.S.-UAE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS,
IT PROBABLY WILL BE NECESSARY THAT HE RECEIVE FIRST PERSON CABLE
FROM APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OF DEPARTMENT. WE ARE SCHEDULED TO
BE IN ABU DHABI MARCH 4.
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